constituted under Section 19 (2) of the Life Insurance Corporation Act, 1956. For operational flexibility, the Investment Committee has delegated authority to Chairman as to the day-to-day investments in equities and Government Securities.

While equity transactions are mostly carried out in listed securities through secondary market operations, IPOs' rights issues, open offers etc., at times, Corporation receives offers to buy holding, either in part or whole, inilliquid/unlisted companie. Such proposals are processed based on the acquisition cost, net asset value of the share as derived from the latest available financials, if any, and the future prospects of the company. Apropriate decision is taken on the advice of the Investment Committee.

Recovery of loans by banks

1559. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many banks in the process of recovery of loans given to farmers for agricultural operations and other activities go to the extent of attaching in the property of farmers and confiscate the land and homes of farmers;

(b) if so, in how many cases the Public Sector Banks have resorted to this course of action; and

(c) whether any of the farmers whose property has been attached has committed suicide?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) to (c) Banks recover their overdue loans by taking action against the defaulting borrowers as per the terms of the loan agreement and the provisions of the law. Reserve Bank of India and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) do not maintain data in the manner asked for.

Rebate under Section 12(A) of Income Tax Act

†1560. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.